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Applicant: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
as represented by THE
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE M ANTIGEN
GENE OF *HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM*,
ANTIGENS, VACCINES AND ANTIBODIES,
METHODS AND KITS FOR DETECTING
HISTOPLASMAS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Attention: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: RO/US

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith for consideration of the above-identified national filing of the International application. Applicants respectfully request that the following new claims be considered in entering the national stage of the above-identified international application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

41. An isolated *Histoplasma Capsulatum* M antigen comprising a mature polypeptide consisting essentially of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 starting with the serine residue of amino acid position 17.